A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is still under consideration.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know when the Government will finish their consideration of this proposal?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I am sorry that it is not possible to give a definite answer to that question."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether Government has been able to find out any building in the City and, if so, which building has been found for this purpose?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"That is one of the difficulties which the Government now have."

Retrenchment in the Jail department.

* 13 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the full scope and effect of the retrenchment effected by the Government in the Jail department is;

(b) which are the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee that have been accepted and which have not been accepted; and

(c) what the reason is for not accepting the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee, if any?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to tables A, B and C in Appendix III to the report of Madras Retrenchment Committee, 1931–32. The Alipuram Jail, Bellary, has since been closed.

(b) All the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee have been accepted.

(c) Does not arise.

Desirability of abolishing the post of the test auditor for the Jail department.

* 14 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any test auditor for the Jail department or any section thereof;

(b) if so, what his duties are, and what the pay drawn by him is;

(c) what the travelling allowance drawn by him is during each of the last five years;

(d) what the reason is for there being no independent audit of the accounts of the Jail Department by the General Audit and Accounts Department; and

(e) whether the Government or the Retrenchment Committee have examined the question of abolishing the Test Auditor, and if so, with what result?